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ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

Statistics relating to the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on Human Rights

Note by the Secretariat

The statistics contained in the annex have been collected by the Secretariat for the information of the Commission with respect to the organization of its work at its fifty-fifth session.

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ANNEX

Statistical data relating to the work of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on Human Rights

I. PARTICIPANTS

	Number of delegations	Number of participants	Percentage of total participants
Member States	53	609	19.8
Observer States	88	552	17.9
Non-member States	2	21	0.7
National liberation movement	1	4	0.1
United Nations bodies	8	111	3.6
United Nations Secretariat	6	17	0.6
Specialized agencies	10	53	1.7
Intergovernmental and other organizations	12	57	1.9
NGOs (Total)	203	1 656	53.7
- General status	24	231	7.5
- Special status	134	1 085	35.2
- Roster	45	340	11
TOTAL	383	3 080	100

II. MEETINGS AND PARALLEL ACTIVITIES

A. Plenary meetings

Total number of meetings 60

- additional meetings 11
- cancelled meetings 1

B. Parallel activities

Total number of meetings 455

Working groups	5
Governments	166
NGOs	119
DPI/OHCHR	10
Regional meetings	149
National institutions	6

III. TIME USE

Total time available	177h 00m
Total time used	164h 31m
Total time lost	12h 29m
- due to late starting	1h 45m
- due to early ending	6h 24m
- due to interruptions	4h 20m

IV. INTERVENTIONS AND TIME DISTRIBUTION

A total of 943 interventions 1/ were made in the general debate. Their breakdown is as follows:

Statements	Number	Hours	Average (in minutes)
Member States	281	33.47	7
Observer States	158	13.44	5
Non-member States	11	0.53	5
National liberation movement	1	0.07	7
United Nations bodies	8	0.45	6
Specialized agencies	11	0.59	5
Intergovernmental and other organizations	4	0.29	7
NGOs (Total)	438	36.28	5
- General status	44	3.44	5
- Special status	282	23.18	5
- Roster	112	9.26	5
TOTAL 2/	912	85.12	6

Rights of reply	Number	Hours	Average (in minutes)
Member States	38	1.30	2
Observer States	37	1.18	2
National liberation movement	1	0.03	3
TOTAL	76	2.51	2

Points of order	Number	Hours	Average (in minutes)
TOTAL	4	0.03	1

Dignitaries	Number	Hours
Secretary-General	1	0.16
From Member States	31	7.26
From Observer States	31	7.10
Others	6	1.33
TOTAL	69	15.85

Special rapporteurs/representatives/ experts/chairpersons	Number	Hours
TOTAL	51	9.21

V. DOCUMENTATION

Documents issued for the Commission	Number	Pages*
Pre-session (total)	223	3 981
- General distribution	189	3 474
- Confidential 3/	34	507
In-session (total)	255	1 354
- General distribution (not including NGOs)	34	186
- NGO 4/	109	350
- Limited distribution	103	417
- Miscellaneous	9	401
Post-session (total) (Annual Report of the Commission)	1	485
TOTAL	479	5 820

* The number of pages referred to in the present document applies to the English version.

Background documents	Number	Pages
General distribution	143	1 248
Confidential	31	418
TOTAL	174	1 666

VI. COSTS

A. Translation

The cost of one page, edited, translated into the six official United Nations languages, reproduced and distributed, has been estimated at US$ 2,136.

B. Interpretation

One hour of interpretation	US$	2,681
Total costs of interpretation	US$	474,537

VII. VOTING

A total of 90 draft resolutions and 16 draft decisions were submitted during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission.

A total of 26 hours and 26 minutes were used for voting in 16 meetings of the plenary.

A. Voting on draft resolutions and draft decisions

Resolutions*	Number
Adopted by consensus	62
Adopted by roll-call vote	18
Adopted by show of hands	4
TOTAL	84

* Four draft resolutions recommended by the Sub-Commission were superseded; two draft resolutions were rejected.

Decisions*	Number
Adopted by consensus	10
Adopted by roll-call vote	2
TOTAL	12

* Four draft decisions recommended by the Sub-Commission were superseded; a motion of non action was taken on one draft decision.

B. Classification of adopted resolutions and decisions

	Country	Thematic	Other
Resolutions	16	24	44
Decisions	1	1	10
TOTAL	17	25	54

Notes

1/ Interventions made during the closed sessions and the voting process are not included. These amount to 30 hours and 35 minutes.

2/ Four per cent (39 in total) were group statements. This represents more than 6 per cent of the time of all statements.

3/ Confidential documents are issued in English, French, Russian and Spanish only, except for the confidential report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the report of the "Working Group on Situations" and the confidential decisions adopted by the Commission, which are issued in all six official languages.

4/ NGO documents are issued in English, French and Spanish only.